

PRESIDENT INSISTS UPON SHOWDOWN

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A peace that would insure them against another war, and to gain this would be willing to sacrifice some of the objectives their statesmen had set forth as indispensable to Italy's honor at the settlement.

PARIS, April 23.—The "Big Four" were expected to continue today the discussion of Japanese claims to Chinese territory based on the secret treaty to which Great Britain, France, Italy, Russia, and Japan were parties.

Premier Orlando decided not to attend the meeting this morning. Admiral Di Revel left for Italy last night, and General Diaz was scheduled to depart tonight. Orlando and Foreign Minister Sonnino may possibly accompany Diaz, though, so far as known, this has not been decided.

Firm Against Secret Treaties.
Japanese and Chinese representatives presented their respective cases yesterday afternoon. No official information could be obtained on what transpired in the meeting, but it was understood the United States has made no concession from its stand that the pact constituting the foundation of Japan's claims, in common with all other secret agreements, was nullified by acceptance of the armistice terms.

Aside from the stand against recognition of secret treaties, it is known the majority of the peace delegates are inclined to favor China's contention that Kiaochow and the Shantung peninsula, seized from Germany by Japan during the war, should revert to China, inasmuch as Germany obtained possession of them by force.

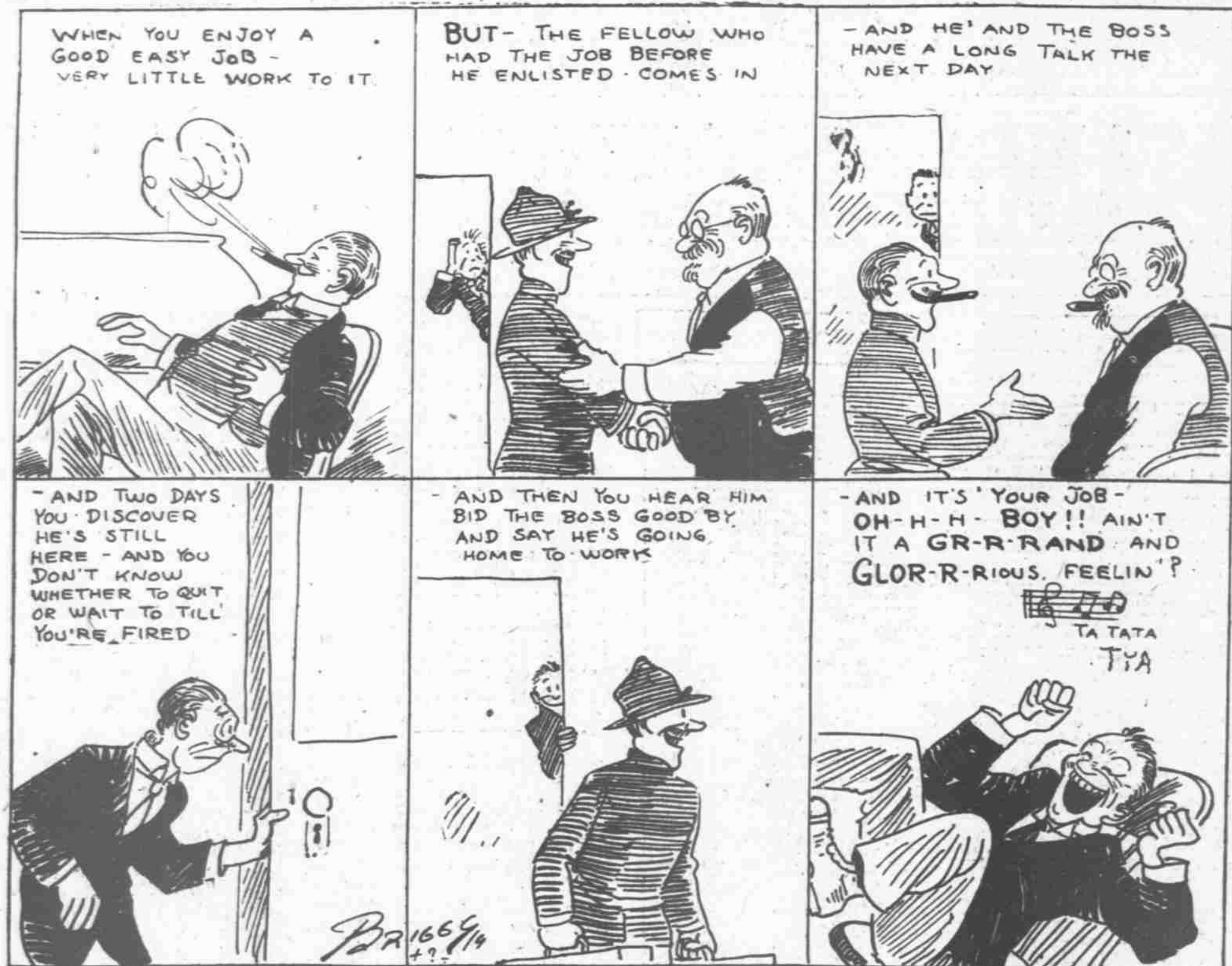
In British circles it was reported at the conclusion of yesterday's session that the "Big Four" expressed a desire to defer settlement of the question until after peace is signed, the peace treaty merely decreeing that Germany shall lose her rights in China. From the same sources it was learned the Chinese delegates had agreed to consult their government as to whether this course is satisfactory.

Japanese Want Action.
The Japanese delegation said no such suggestion had been made to them by the council. They further stated such a plan would be directly opposed to Japan's demands and that the Japanese delegation, particularly the military section, is now firmly determined to settle the matter at once. Rumors were in circulation today

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that the Italians have begun to show a disposition toward accepting a compromise of their Adriatic claims. It was even hinted they would be willing to relinquish a portion of the Dalmatian territory they demand, in exchange for an unclouded title to Fiume. As Fiume, the principal point of contention, was not even contained in the pact of London, it was believed the other allies would not consider such a compromise.

DESTROYERS DUE TO ARRIVE TOMORROW

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anti-craft guns. Blank cartridges only will be used in firing the guns. The city will be lighted up again tonight, the powerful searchlights being directed at the Monument and the Capitol.

The Washington Navy Yard announced today that upward of \$250,000 had been subscribed by the workers there.

Officials Credited.
Treasury Department officials were gratified today with the showing made so far by Washington in the big push to secure the District of Columbia's quota of the \$4,500,000,000 Victory loan which must be raised by May 10. The best estimates today placed the total amount subscribed by the people of this city since the drive for funds began last Monday at \$2,000,000. The showing was said today to mean that Washington will again set the rest of the country a good example by being one of the first cities to oversubscribe its quota.

In view of the enthusiasm shown in this city and throughout the country, Treasury officials were certain that the Victory loan campaign had gathered more momentum in the past two days than is usual in so short a time.

Confident of Washington.
John Poole, chairman of the local Victory loan committee, said today he would not be satisfied until the city of Washington became, in truth, "the Hub of the Universe," by setting a good example to the rest of the country in cleaning up its quota of the Victory loan as soon as a time as possible. Mr. Poole was confident that the people of the District will not be found lacking in patriotism that would be surpassed by no other community.

The story of how American gunners and their big "Bertha" routed the Germans at Chateau Thierry will be told by veterans of the battle this afternoon, at the exhibition drill to be given by the Croix de Guerre Battery E, of the Forty-second Coast Artillery, at Fourteenth and B streets southwest, this afternoon.

The soldier orators who were decorated by the French government for their valor at Chateau Thierry, will tell of their work in the battle, going through some of the "motions," just as in actual warfare. The men will wear their helmets, just as they did when in the trenches.

"PRICE OF PEACE," WAR FILM, WILL BE SHOWN FREE DURING LOAN DRIVE

"The Price of Peace," the new war film prepared by the Government for the Victory loan drive, was shown at Keith's today. No admission was charged. The film will be shown at Keith's every day during the drive. The new war film will be exhibited tonight at Central High School. The exhibition is open to the public and is under the auspices of the Central Victory Loan Committee.

At Western High School last night, "The Price of Peace" was shown to a large and appreciative audience. The film depicted all the events in the war from the beginning of hostilities to the signing of the armistice, showing our troops leaving embarkation points on monster transports, arriving in France, training behind the lines and fighting in the trenches.

An appeal for over-subscription to the loan was made by Harry G. Haynes and a number of subscriptions were taken.

"The proudest page in American history," said Mr. Haynes, "is the record of our soldiers and sailors in the world war. And that is so because as the greatest military leaders of the old world unanimously testified that not only did every American man do his bit, his full duty, but more than his duty."

HOOPER IN BERLIN.

BERLIN via London, April 23.—Herbert Hoover, head of the inter-allied relief committee, arrived here today to investigate personally the German food situation.

SALE OF "V" BONDS \$500,000,000 IN 2 DAYS

Treasury officials today estimated sale of Victory notes for the first two days of the campaign totaled \$500,000,000.

Incomplete reports received to noon today told of high totals being rolled up in every Federal reserve district. If the pace set for the first two days is maintained, officials said, the minimum of \$4,500,000,000 would be obtained without difficulty. An average of \$250,000,000 daily must be maintained, however, to "finish the job" on time.

MAY GIVE WATER TO TWO SUBURBS

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plans ready by June 1, so we can ask for bids on several projects," Mr. Duckett told The Times.

"Our first development will include Hyattsville, Brentwood, Riverdale, and Bladensburg. There are only surface wells at Brentwood and Riverdale now.

5,000 Persons Affected.

"About 4,000 or 5,000 people will be affected by the improvement. "One million gallons of city water would satisfy our needs for probably two years or longer. We have sought to impress this fact on the District Commissioners, since it would save us the expense of filtration plants."

"Due to the abnormal consumption of the last two years, they have not considered it advisable."

The commission's program of development of water and sewage systems in Prince George's and Montgomery counties calls for an expenditure of \$2,562,000, of which \$375,000 will be paid for existing water and sewage systems.

The property in the district affected is assessed at \$25,000,000. Bonds up to \$2,500,000 could be issued to cover the cost of the series of projects.

CITIZENS TO PROBE RENTAL SITUATION

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heavily increased costs of maintaining property, than there are landlords who are asking for increases above what they are entitled to.

Plan Readjustment.

Whatever the facts are, the Real Estate Brokers' Association has named an arbitration committee which will be ready when the landlords seek to adjust rentals in the future upon a basis of reasonable return to landlords and fair treatment of tenants. This committee will have its machinery ready when the Salisbury law ceases to exist. In the meantime the association will co-operate with the Commissioners, the Federation, and other organizations in an attempt to minimize unpleasant events in the rental world.

Charles W. Fairfax today pointed out that unless owners of houses are permitted to obtain reasonable returns upon property construction in Washington will remain at a standstill. A house now renting for \$40 per month cannot be rebuilt so as to rent for less than \$60, he said. The cost of construction will be so great that the owner must have a considerable increase over prewar rents to obtain even a low return on his investment.

Laurel Wardman's Courage.

Mr. Fairfax pointed to the courage of Harry Wardman in undertaking to start \$1,000,000 of new construction in Washington. The cost of that construction, he said, would be so far in excess of pre-war years that it would be absolutely necessary for Mr. Wardman to obtain in rentals prices much advanced over the days of cheaper construction.

"There were few men like Mr. Wardman," said the man who does build now and is compelled to charge rents according to costs is open to the charge of being a "profiteer."

Mr. Fairfax also pointed out that tenants have, in some instances, behaved so badly and unfairly that when landlords find opportunity they will double the rents on them to compel them to get out, afterward renting the property to others for reasonable prices. These sort of landlords, many of them having no idea of extortion, are labeled "profiteers," because the inside reason of the notification is not known to the public.

Much on Both Sides.

Undoubtedly there are many instances in which the landlord has just cause to wish the removal of a tenant, but there will likewise be many instances, when the Salisbury law disappears, where landlords will be in position to dictate harsh and unfair terms to tenants, and to bring about a reign of fright owing to the scarcity of homes in Washington.

The object of the Commissioners, of the Federation and of reputable real estate men will be to secure, if possible, some method of machinery by which agreements may be made by arbitration or upon some basis fair alike to property owner and renter.

YANK CASUALTIES NOW TOTAL 285,950

Total casualties of the A. E. F. were 285,950, according to latest corrections, the War Department announced today. This is an increase of 71,184 over previous totals. The deaths now reported number 75,344, an increase of 305. The Bolshevik hold fifteen American prisoners, according to the casualty report.

TELLS OF MILE DIVE IN BLAZING PLANE

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The first story of Pilot Max Miller's sensational nose dive to escape death when his airmail plane took fire at a height of 8,000 feet Monday, has just been received here. Miller gives the details of the accident in his report to the officials of the aerial mail service today.

When his plane took fire, near Unionville, Pa., his first thought was to dive into the river near Unionville. After a sheer dive of about one mile, the fire was practically extinguished, and he landed in a wheat field.

"The motor was working perfectly," said the report. "I had an altitude of 8,000 feet. The motor temperature did not rise, but I saw fire coming out of the hood and immediately put the ship into a nose dive, intending to land in the river near Unionville. I could not see anything for smoke, but cut the switches, and turned off the gas while coming down. After diving about 5,000 feet the smoke began to clear away. I could see better. The smoke was mostly from oil, but the carburetor had been burning and was extinguished by the dive. I picked a field in the valley and made a safe landing."

"I landed in a wheat field, and to keep the crop from being damaged by the crowd that began to assemble I secured help and towed the ship to another field."

"The crank case was cut in two by broken connecting rods, which indicates that the trouble was caused by a hot bearing."

MEET TO BOOST PLAN FOR WASHINGTON MEMORIAL

A brilliant official and social gathering will assemble at the Belasco Theater at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon to launch a new movement of the George Washington Memorial Association, which plans to erect in Washington a memorial building to the memory of the heroes of 1776 and of the recent world war.

Society girls of Washington will act as ushers, assisted by young men. David J. Hill will preside, and among the speakers will be Admiral Mayo, John Barrett, director of the Pan-American Union, and officials of the War and Interior Departments. Those behind the movement have also arranged for a musical program by artists of the Chicago Grand Opera Company.

COPE TO START FOR SOUTH POLE IN JUNE

LONDON, April 23.—John L. Cope, surgeon and biologist of the Shackleton expedition, announced today the party will start for the South Pole in June, 1920, returning in 1921. He said the expedition expects to be in continuous wireless communication with the outside world. His ship, the Terra Nova, will carry an airplane, which will be used in the last stage of the trip to the pole.

PASSION FOR PEACE URGED BY WALLACE

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PARIS, April 23.—"It is now the task of the allied nations to confer peace upon humanity, but first to unite the world in support of it," said Hugh C. Wallace, new American ambassador to France, in presenting his credentials to President Poincaré of France.

"Paris, for a time the capital of the world, is now witnessing the creation of the temple of peace," he continued. "We hope to dedicate that temple in the name of the League of Nations and make it its home; for the great war was fought in defense of civilization and should be the last conflict mankind has ever known. When victory came it was complete, and the peace which follows it should be enduring."



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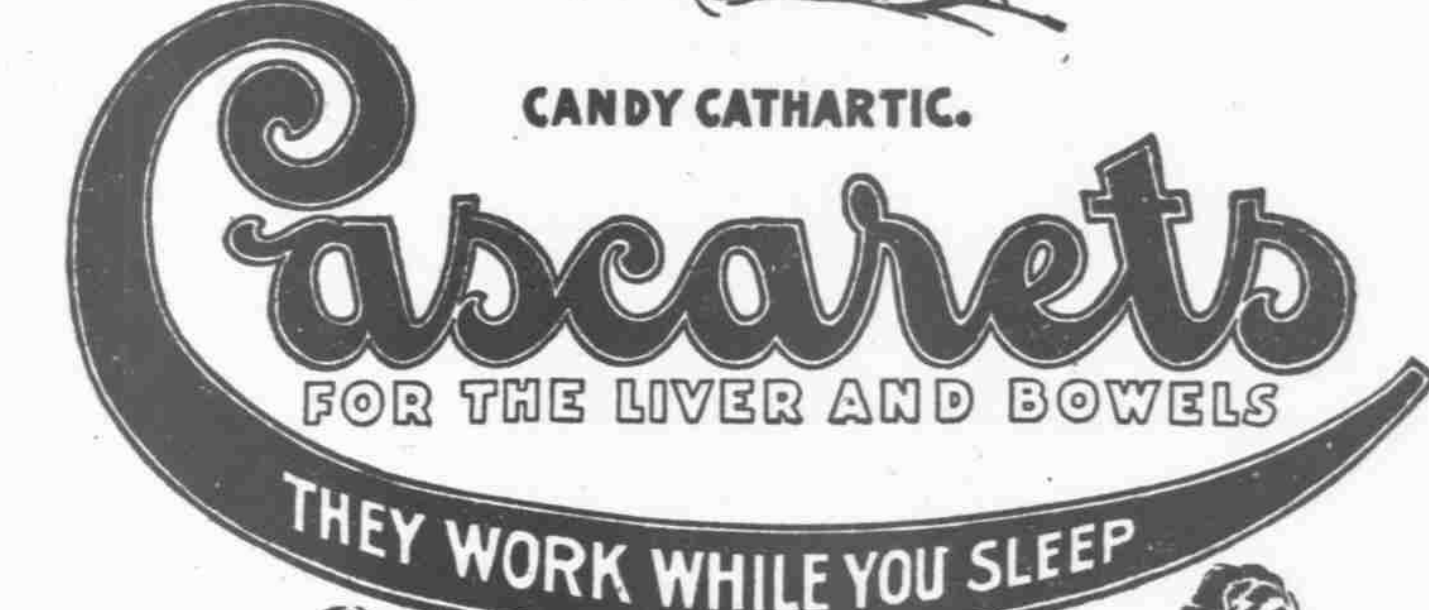


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